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Syed Ahmad Gilani
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Dear brother Syed Ahmad Gilani,

Assalaam Alaikum wa Rahmatullah wa Barakatuhu.

Alhamulillah, reports that we are receiving from Afghanistan are encouraging.

One of our most important concerns now is to secure prompt recognition of the Islamic Government of Afghanistan by as many governments as possible, especially Muslim and Western. To mobilise favourable opinion in this respect, we must start to launch a campaign of publicity and public relations.

In this connexion, I should like to suggest that a public meeting be held in Islamabad or Peshawar in which a number of eminent Muslim personalities who enjoy international prestige and reputation in the Muslim world would participate, together with the leaders of the Afghan Mujahideen. The personalities would again pay tribute to the valiant struggle of the Mujahideen and the tremendous sacrifices made by them; they would proclaim their solidarity with the Mujahideen and would call for international recognition of the Islamic Government of Afghanistan and for aid to restructure its economy, agriculture and infrastructure. In my view, such a meeting would be a useful step in the proposed campaign.

For your information we are already lobbying Western governments.

I should be grateful if you would let me know your views on this proposal and, if favourable, if you would suggest possible dates for the meeting so that the Council and the Alliance can coordinate arrangements.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Salem Azzam
Secretary General